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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

It may be cold in California, but it sure has been wet here. It has been raining constantly for the past week, establishing all sorts of records and wreaking havoc in our little garden. We did obtain a fair crop of peas and canned a few quarts so that you might enjoy some when you return.

I delayed this letter until I could obtain a clear and constant picture of the NIH funds. Miss Shotten's first report left only \$103, however there was returned, today from the stores requisition, some \$90 additional.

I was over to the sheet metal shop and they promised delivery for next week. The cost is \$145, but the requisition had been sent in some time ago and the funds put aside.

At Biochem stores there is only \$20 outstanding which can be covered from the returned funds.

An estimate came from Sorvall and as it was only \$6 Bette sent in the requisition. I have not yet received the head back, and sure do wish it would come. For a while I was limited to part experiments but have now resorted to duplicating all of my tubes.

I took the liberty of obtaining the key to your office so that I might borrow your copy of Kauffmann for the German reading exam. The libraries couldn't place it.

I inquired about teaching assistainships, but it would be impossible for next fall as I will be taking pathologyand that is time consuming. It would seem that I shall have to indulge in some deficit spending with certain subsidy to maintain parity.

Scientifically there has been little forward progress. I have almost exhausted the intra-type crosses, and am now starting the myriads of possible intr-type crosses. The story on the promising Type 20 by Type 22 cross is still not complete but it is slowly receding to the point of no return -- reversion. At present there are too many contradictory results for me to get down on paper and make sense. Should be able to clarify things soon with a few well set up experi ments. Dr. Crow has been extremely helpful in this respect. Shall let you know as soon as i've decisive evidence.

Sincerely,

Norton

P.S. I sent off the cultures and the dye today.

No cultures have arrived from Spiegelman.